GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to double the allocation of funds for Ayurveda and other indigenous Systems of Medicine in the Central Health and Family Welfare Budget;

(b) whether the allocation for these systems is two percent of the Central Health budget at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the indigenous systems of medicine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The budget for the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathyhas been increased substantially in the last two years. Future allocation are yet to be decided. The details of the allocation and comparison with the Central Health Budget is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) & (c) A statement is enclosed.

(d) In order to popularize Indian Systems of Medicine namely, Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani,Homoeopathy & Yoga & Naturopathy, the Government established an independent Department of Indian systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1995. In order to achieve its objectives, Department of ISM &H is providing financial support to4 Research Councils, 10 National Institute, 2 national level laboratories under its administrative control. Besides, the Department is implementing a number of important schemes for the development and cultivation of medicinal plants, preparation of agro-techniques, upgradation of undergraduate/postgraduate institutions, standardization of drugs, encouraging intra-mural and extra mural research, information, education & communication (IEC) and mainstearing the system in the delivery of health care.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Rs. in crores)

	Deptt. Of Health			Deptt. Of Family Welfare		
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total
1999-2000	1139.26	1309.96	2449.22	2920.00	488.10	3408.10
2000-2001	1277.86	1296.14	2574.00	3520.00	850.47	4370.47
2001-2002	1426.74	1314.38	2741.12	4210.00	752.28	4962.28

Deptt. Of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy

	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Grand Total	% of ISM&H	% of ISM&H
1999-2000	59.13	41.83	100.96	5958.28	1.69%	
2000-2001	100.00	43.50	143.50	7087.97	2.02%	

2001-2002	120.00	45.56	165.56	7868.96	2.10%